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House science panel Chairman Lamar Smith (R-TX) is faulting EPA's handling of its ongoing cancer analysis of the common herbicide glyphosate, asking the agency to provide officials for interviews with the panel after EPA pulled back a review that conflicted with a World Health Organization finding the substance probably causes cancer.

In a [June 7 letter](#) to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy, Lamar asks to interview four agency pesticides and research officials, and reiterates concerns that EPA's recent public release and subsequent withdrawal of its report finding glyphosate unlikely to cause cancer raises questions about EPA's oversight of the substance.

The letter -- the lawmaker's second on the issue in as many months -- cites concerns about EPA's April 29 posting of a report, "Cancer Assessment Document: Evaluation of the Carcinogenic Potential of Glyphosate" finding the substance is unlikely to cause cancer and subsequent withdrawal of that document along with a dozen others May 2.

The report by EPA's pesticides office's Cancer Assessment Review Committee (CARC) faults the World Health Organization International Agency for Research on Cancer's (IARC) March 2015 report that concluded glyphosate probably causes cancer, saying IARC overlooked

negative findings, which could have influenced that group's results. However, the agency soon removed the report from its website, saying the review is incomplete.

In the new letter, Smith notes that several EPA officials participated in the IARC review and says the withdrawn EPA report raises questions about the IARC finding, as well as the agency's process for reviewing glyphosate.

“Given the apparent contradictions of the CARC and IARC findings for glyphosate and the participation of EPA officials in IARC's report, the Committee has concerns about the integrity of the IARC process, the role played by agency officials involved in the IARC study, and the influence that EPA officials involved in the IARC process have on the agency's analysis of glyphosate,” Smith writes.

The chairman of the House Science, Space & Technology Committee asks that EPA provide for transcribed interviews Matthew T. Martin and Peter P. Egeghy, of the Office of Research and Development, as well as Jesudosh Rowland and Charles Smith, both deputy directors of the pesticides office's Health Effects Division.

The June 7 letter is one of several Smith has sent McCarthy this spring questioning EPA's scientific processes for reviewing chemicals, and the second on EPA's handling of glyphosate.

Smith initially faulted EPA's release and subsequent withdrawal of its glyphosate cancer review in a May 4 letter requesting all documents and communications on the glyphosate review, dating back to Jan. 1, 2015, and arguing that EPA's handling of the analysis suggests broader problems.

“EPA's removal of this report and the subsequent backtracking on its finality raises questions about the agency's motivation in providing a fair assessment of glyphosate -- an assessment based on the scientific analysis conducted by CARC,” the letter said. “Furthermore, EPA's apparent mishandling of this report may shed light on larger systemic problems occurring at the agency.”

This spring, Smith raised questioned EPA's management of and motivation to improve its controversial Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) chemical review program.

In a May 10 letter, Smith requested numerous documents on the IRIS program, and then, in a June 2 follow-up letter, threatened to subpoena the documents after EPA had missed his deadline for providing the records.

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